



Smith & Wesson Receives Pistol Order From California Highway Patrol

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SPRINGFIELD, Mass., May 15 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Smith & Wesson Holding Corporation (Amex: SWB), parent company of Smith & Wesson Corp., the legendary 154-year old global provider of products and services for safety, security, protection and sport, today announced that it has secured an order from the California Highway Patrol for approximately 9,700 Smith & Wesson Tactical (TSW) pistols. The Model 4006TSW is chambered for .40S&W ammunition and features a durable design engineered to provide law enforcement officers with reliable versatility.

The 4006TSW pistols will be shipped over an 18-month period beginning in June 2006. The order will equip each officer of the California Highway Patrol with a new 4006TSW, to replace early-model Smith & Wesson pistols that have served as the primary duty firearm for the department for 16 years. The order will also provide inventory for future California Highway Patrol officers.

The Model 4006TSW features a stainless steel frame and slide for increased durability. The pistol is designed with a four-inch barrel and has an overall length of 7-1/2 inches. With a checkered front strap and ambidextrous spring-loaded de-cocking lever for both right and left-handed shooters, the 4006TSW is well suited for any tactical application. The pistol is outfitted with a Picatinny Style equipment rail for the addition of lights and lasers and holds 11 rounds in the magazine plus one in the chamber. The 4006TSW comes standard with a white dot front sight and a Novak Lo Mount Carry fixed rear sight.

Tom Taylor, Smith & Wesson's Vice President of Marketing, said, "Smith & Wesson is committed to offering military and police personnel a full array of firearms to support their needs both on and off duty. Our current portfolio contains a wide variety of firearms, each designed to fulfill a specific need in the marketplace. Whether officers prefer the durability of the 4006TSW, the lightweight M&P Pistol Series or our traditional Smith & Wesson revolvers, we have a model to match each officer's personal preference. We are honored to be working with the men and women of the California Highway Patrol and are very pleased that they continue to use a Smith & Wesson as their primary duty firearm."

About Smith & Wesson

Smith & Wesson is a global provider of products and services for the safety, security, protection and sport markets. The Company manufactures firearms and handcuffs and is home to America's longest-running firearms training facilities for America's public servants. The Company also markets a variety of products for sport shooters including firearm safety/security devices, shooter protective gear, knives, apparel, footwear and other accessory lines. The Company is based in Springfield, Mass., with manufacturing facilities in Springfield and Houlton, Maine. Contact (800) 331-0852 or log on to www.smith-wesson.com.

Certain statements contained in this document may be deemed to be forward-looking statements under federal securities laws, and Smith & Wesson intends that such forward-looking statements be subject to the safe-harbor created thereby. Forward-looking statements include the engineering, functionality, reliability, durability, features, capabilities and performance of the 4006TSW pistols; and the Company's intent to offer an array of firearms that supports the needs of military, law enforcement and other markets. The Company cautions that these statements are qualified by important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those reflected by the forward-looking statements contained herein. Such factors include the acceptance of the 4006TSW pistols and other firearms products by military and law enforcement personnel and other customers; the performance, capabilities, and reliability of the 4006TSW pistols and other firearms products in actual use; the Company's ability to produce 4006TSW pistols and other firearms products in accordance with their intended features and performance; as well as other risks as identified from time to time in the Company's SEC reports, including Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K, and Annual Reports on Form 10-K.

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